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**Subject: AMENDMENT No. 01 to the REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS No. RFA-165-14-000001 for the Organizational Performance Improvement Project (OPIP) in Macedonia**

**The purpose of this Amendment No. 01 to the subject RFA is to provide answers to the received questions as follows:**

**Question 1:** Regarding the requirement for project flexibility, where the selected applicant may be required to offer assistance in case other USAID project is not able to offer a short-term technical assistance due to various constraints, should the applicant organization plan these expenses as contingency reserve, and what is the USAID accepted percentage (current practice) of the overall budget, or should these be estimated and planned with the regular project activities and budget?

**Answer 1:** These should be estimated and planned with the regular project activities and budget. No special contingency reserves are necessary. It will be up to USAID to decide which organizations and/or activities will be supported.

**Question 2:** Can the project refer to only one Sub IR i.e. 3.1.1- Increase Government capacity to implement economic policies and programs?

**Answer 2:** In your proposal, you are free to refer to one or more sub-IRs but the successful applicant will have to work with activities that work to achieve all intermediate results.

**Question 3:** Which are the three sectors? (bolded below)'after the selection of institutions that are key to the both development of the country and the achievement of USAID objectives in all three sectors.

**Answer 3:** The three sectors are listed in the USAID Strategy 2011-2015 in the link provided in the solicitation. They are: Democracy and Governance, Education, and Economic Growth.

**Question 4:** Can you send me the application package for RFA-165-14-000001?

**Answer 4:** The RFA contains all necessary information, web links, and materials to submit a complete, full application.

**Question 5:** The total funding for the Cooperative Agreement, as stated in the RFA, is not to exceed \$600,000. Please clarify if this amount is inclusive of the cost-share to be potentially offered by applicants or would the cost-share be on top of \$600,000?

**Answer 5:** The amount of \$600,000 is US Government funds and it is exclusive of the potential cost-share offered by the applicant.

**Question 6:** 2. Pg. 6 reads: “successful applications will propose approaches with at least two of the organizations or associations proposed in the Economic Growth sector”, whereas pg. 19 reads: “...in the Democracy & Governance and Education sectors in particular, but not exclusive of Economic Growth sector.” Please clarify which of the above sectors is the priority one.

**Answer 6:** Please take into consideration the text on page #6 which is the correct one and disregard the text on page #19 (especially where it reads Democracy and Governance because it is a typo).

**END OF AMENDMENT No. 01 TO THE RFA No. RFA-165-14-000001**